

the accused were suddenly and unexpectedly discharged by Judge Coursol, upon (considering the existence of a positive law to the contrary, the extraordinary pretension that our courts are without jurisdiction in this matter.

The moment this judgment was rendered, and before the arguments of Counsel to which it gave rise, and which immediately followed the judgment, had been concluded, Mr. Lamothe had handed over to Mr. John Porterfield, a friend of the prisoners, every dollar of the money stolen from the Banks which had been previously placed in his custody for safe keeping.

Thereupon Mr. B. Devlin, who had acted throughout the investigation as Counsel for the United States Government, and also for the St. Albans Banks, proceeded to the City Council, and before that body, of which he is a member, preferred two charges against Mr. Lamothe.

Firstly, With having unlawfully and designedly delivered the money so placed in his hands to the prisoners : and Secondly, With having refused to execute a warrant for their re-arrest, issued by His Honor Judge Smith.

An investigation into these charges was immediately ordered by the Council, and the attention of the reader is now respectfully directed to the extraordinary circumstances developed in the course of the evidence which hereafter follows.

The foregoing remarks it must be understood, but briefly and indeed imperfectly introduce the subject. But as the facts connected with the St. Albans raid, and the discharge of the prisoners accused of it are now so notorious and so well known, more extended observation is unnecessary. Besides the very able and eloquent speeches delivered before the Council, when the evidence taken during the investigation, was submitted to them, contain so complete a history of the entire transaction as to dispense with the neces-

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